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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newington qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Superintendent of the Burying Ground, Janitor of the Town Hall, Auditors, Highway Agents, a Library Trustee for three years and a Library Trustee for two years.

ARTICLE 2. To choose Measurers of Wood, Surveyors of Lumber, Fence Viewers, Pound Keeper, Fish and Game Wardens, Police Officers, and all other necessary town officers.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sum of money the town will raise for town expenses.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repairs of highways and bridges.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Public Library.

ARTICLE 6. To see what disposition the town will make of the town's land and buildings.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to cut wood on the town's land for the use of schools, hall, library, poor and meetings.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of ten dollars, to help the G. A. R. decorate the soldiers' and sailors' graves Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to buy a road roller.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to lease, for a term of years, a piece of land at the foot of Carter's Lane, said land to be used as the location of a building for a summer camp.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to defray the expenses of Old Home Day.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to build a building to shelter the road machine.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February, 1909.

CLARENCE M. DE ROCHEMONT,
ENOCH COLEMAN,
IRA A. COLEMAN,

Selectmen of Newington.

A true copy of warrant, attest:

CLARENCE M. DE ROCHEMONT,
ENOCH COLEMAN,
IRA A. COLEMAN,

Selectmen of Newington.

List of Town Officers

Elected March, 1908.

Town Clerk, JACKSON M. HOYT.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, CLARENCE M. DE ROCHEMONT, ENOCH COLEMAN, IRA A. COLEMAN.

Treasurer, DANIEL W. BADGER.

Collector of Taxes, JAMES W. COLEMAN.

Highway Agents, WILLIAM D. NEWICK, ALBERT H. GARLAND, NATHANIEL P. COLEMAN.

Superintendent of Burying Grounds, ENOCH COLEMAN.

Janitor of Town Hall, LUTHER C. PICKERING.

Auditors, JOHN J. GREENOUGH, WILLIAM L. FURBER.

Library Trustees, LAURA E. DREW, three years; JOHN M. MOULTON, two years; FLORENCE HOYT, one year.

Elected November, 1908

Moderator, FREDERICK PICKERING.

Supervisors of the Checklist, ALBERT E. HODGDON, STILLMAN A. PACKARD, WILLIAM T. BROWN.

Summary of Inventory.

	No.	Valuation.
Polls	95	$9,500 00
Land and buildings,		179,758 00
Horses,	115	7,990 00
Oxen,	None.	
Cows,	448	11,200 00
Other neat stock,	49	735 00
Sheep,	11	33 00
Hogs,	9	90 00
Fowls,	140	70 00
Vehicles,		4,705 00
Bank stock,		1,805 50
Money at interest,		1,600 00
Machines, machinery,		1,600 00
Stock in trade, wood and lumber,		825 00
Total valuation,		$219,911 50
No. of acres in town, 4,810.		
Amount committed to collector,		$3,779 10
Rate per cent., $1.71 on one hundred dollars.		

ABATEMENTS.

Heirs John Furber, over valued,	$10 26
Charles H. Morang, over valued,	3 22
Nathaniel P. Coleman, deceased,	1 71
George W. Wilson, deceased,	1 71
James Drew, deceased,	1 71
Charles H. Thurston, left town,	1 71
Herbert B. Caswell, left town,	1 71
John F. Rowe, left town,	1 71
Robert S. Pace, 1907 tax,	1 51
Five per cent. discount on taxes paid on or before Oct. 1, 1908,	$138 95
	$164 20

Selectmen's Report.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

State tax,	$550 00
County tax,	828 68
	$1,378 68

SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law,	$870 00
Dog money on hand April 1, 1908,	76 00
Literary fund,	37 17
	$983 17

ORDERS ISSUED ON THE TREASURER BY THE SELECTMEN.

No. 1,	H. M. Brooks, removing brown-tail moth nests,	$50 00
2,	J. D. Randall, printing town reports, 1908	40 00
3,	Chas. H. Allard, hauling out 20 1-2 cords of wood,	10 25
4,	H. M. Brooks, removing brown-tail moth nests,	147 01
5,	John E. Milton, supplies for a soldier,	52 00
6,	H. M. Brooks, removing brown-tail moth nests,	142 00
7,	H. M. Brooks, removing brown-tail moth nests,	47 21
8,	Enoch Coleman, labor on brown-tail moth nests,	39 50

No. 9,	Cottage Hospital, board and attendance on George W. Wilson,	$27 72
10,	City of Portsmouth, High school tuition, spring term,	96 00
11,	Storer Post, No. 1, G. A. R., decorating graves,	10 00
12,	Thos. H. Dearborn, money paid for cutting brown-tail moth nests,	27 50
13,	W. L. Conlon & Co., insurance premium on library,	60 00
14,	Oliver W. Ham, casket and funeral expenses of G. W. Wilson,	44 00
15,	Carll & Co., four signs for River road,	4 00
16,	William O. Junkins, attendance on G. W. Wilson,	53 00
17,	William D. Newick, part of highway appropriation,	100 00
18,	Treasurer School Board, part of school appropriation,	100 00
19,	Treasurer Library Trustees, part of library appropriation,	50 00
20,	Treasurer School Board, part of school appropriation,	120 00
21,	W. C. Laws, trimming trees and bushes, River road,	5 44
22,	Treasurer School Board, school supplies,	45 17
23,	William D. Newick, part of highway appropriation,	9 95
24,	Albert H. Garland, 1-3 part of highway appropriation,	109 95
25,	Treasurer School Board, part of school appropriation,	120 00
26,	Treasurer Library Trustees, part of library appropriation,	75 00
27,	Nathaniel P. Coleman, part of highway appropriation,	106 78

No. 28,	Samuel W. Emery, Jr., legal advice,	$5 00
29,	Treasurer School Board, part of school appropriation,	200 00
30,	John E. Milton, supplies for a soldier,	52 00
31,	Luther C. Pickering, sawing 13 cords of wood, $6.50; cleaning out parsonage well, $2.00,	8 50
32,	Edward T. Downing, cutting bushes, Patterson's lane,	7 20
33,	Hoyt & Dow, stationery and blank books,	2 78
34,	Gray & Prime, coal for John E. Downing,	6 75
35,	Albert H. Garland, winter work on road,	8 62
36,	Welch Brothers, cutting brown-tail moth nests,	3 00
37,	Nathaniel P. Coleman, part of road appropriation,	1 60
38,	Albert H. Garland, cutting and hauling 12 cords of wood at $1.50,	18 00
39,	Jackson M. Hoyt, services as town clerk, sexton, etc.,	50 00
40,	Daniel W. Badger, services as town treasurer and moderator,	13 00
41,	Ira A. Coleman, services as selectman,	15 00
42,	John J. Greenough, services as election inspector and auditor,	3 00
43,	George J. Davis, services as election inspector,	2 00
44,	John D. Kelley, supervisor of the checklist, March and November,	10 00
45,	Wm. L. Furber, supervisor of the checklist, March and November,	10 00
46,	Enoch Coleman, services as selectman, superintendent of burying ground, and other labor,	30 50
47,	Chas. W. Coleman, rooster killed by dog,	1 00

No. 48,	Ralph G. Coleman, hauling wood and coal and splitting wood for John E. Downing,	$3 50
49,	C. M. de Rochemont, services as selectman, overseer of the poor, and labor and material,	43 03
50,	Roy Neill, sawing wood for J. E. Downing,	1 50
51,	Cemetery Trustees, interest on DeMerritt fund,	6 00
52,	Treasurer School Board, services,	12 00
53,	Treasurer School Board, school supplies,	12 10
54,	Treasurer School Board, balance of school money,	543 17
55,	J. H. Knox, work on State road, $3 60; shoveling snow, .36,	3 96
56,	Harry de Rochemont, use of roller,	5 00
57,	Albert E. Hodgdon, supervisor of election, March and November,	10 00
58,	William L. Furber, services as auditor,	1 00
59,	J. E. Downing, four hens killed by dogs,	2 00
60,	James W. Coleman, services as tax collector, $40.00; tax bills, $1.50; postage, $1.00,	42 50
61,	City of Portsmouth, High school tuition, fall and winter terms,	252 00
	State highway orders,	750 80
	Total amount of foregoing orders,	$3,828 99
	State tax,	550 00
	County tax,	828 68
	Total expenditures,	$5,207 67

TOWN TRUST FUNDS.

S. D. F. DeMerritt cemetery trust fund,	$200 00
Woodbury Langdon library trust fund,	1,000 00
	$1,200 00
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909,	$582 60

The foregoing is a true statement of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 15, 1909.

CLARENCE M. DE ROCHEMONT,
ENOCH COLEMAN,
IRA A. COLEMAN,
Selectmen of Newington.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN J. GREENOUGH,
WILLIAM L. FURBER,
Auditors.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1908,	$441 46	
Savings bank tax,	751 75	
Railroad tax,	168 52	
Literary fund,	37 17	
Proportion school fund,	100 00	
State highway department,	375 47	
Junk license,	40 00	
Dog license,	82 00	
Rent of town house to Jan. 1, 1909,	50 00	
Rent of town pasture,	5 00	
Rent of town hall,	16 00	
From superintendent of burying ground,	4 00	
From county treasurer,	104 00	
From collector of taxes,	3,614 90	
		$5,790 27

PAID.

State tax,	$550 00	
County tax,	828 68	
Orders of selectmen,	3,078 19	
Orders of selectmen, on account of State highway,	750 80	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1909,	582 60	
		$5,790 27

DANIEL W. BADGER,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN J. GREENOUGH,
WILLIAM L. FURBER,
Auditors.

Highways.

REPORT OF ALBERT H. GARLAND, HIGHWAY AGENT.

Received of town treasurer, 1-3 of highway appropriation,		$109 95
Paid Thomas F. Pickering,	10 80	
Cyrus Frink,	5 40	
Roy Neill,	1 60	
Darius Frink,	7 74	
Albert C. Pickering,	7 20	
Mary W. Pickering,	7 20	
Joshua B. Pickering,	3 60	
Frederick Pickering,	5 20	
F. W. de Rochemont,	10 80	
Amanda Pickering,	5 20	
John W. Towle,	6 40	
George W. Neill,	8 00	
Willard A. Brown,	1 60	
John D. Kelley,	3 20	
Walter T. Jones,	3 60	
Enoch Coleman,	3 60	
Harry de Rochemont, use of roller,	1 00	
Albert H. Garland,	17 81	
		$109 95

WINTER ACCOUNT, 1908-09.

Paid Ralph Coleman,	$ 80
Roy Neill,	80
George W. Neill,	1 80
Cyrus Frink,	1 80

Paid Joshua B. Pickering,	$1 80	
A. H. Garland,	1 00	
E. Hawkridge,	1 62	
		$8 62

REPORT OF WILLIAM D. NEWICK, HIGHWAY AGENT.

Received of town treasurer, 1-3 of highway appropriation,		$109 95
Paid Charles A. Hodgdon,	$1 60	
Mary W. Pickering,	7 20	
A. Archibald,	7 20	
Charles H. Allard,	2 60	
Charles D. Pace,	1 60	
Charles A. Badger,	12 60	
Thomas Newick,	12 00	
John J. Greenough,	7 20	
Josephine M. Hoyt,	5 20	
Joseph E. Leavitt,	10 40	
Charles H. Pickering,	6 80	
Mary S. Pickering,	3 60	
Joseph H. Hoyt,	1 60	
Daniel Davis,	7 20	
Bert M. Parrott,	8 80	
William D. Newick,	8 70	
Frank Badger,	5 20	
		$109 50
Amount unexpended,		45
		$109 95

REPORT OF NATHANIEL P. COLEMAN,* HIGHWAY AGENT.

Received of town treasurer, 1-3 of highway appropriation,		$108 38
Paid James W. Coleman,	10 40	
Charles W. Coleman,	7 20	
Enoch Coleman,	7 20	
Earl Coleman,	3 20	
Ralph Coleman,	3 20	
V. M. Coleman,	9 00	
Joseph W. Whidden,	7 20	
James H. Knox,	12 00	
Louis C. Beane,	17 60	
B. S. Hoyt,	10 40	
Jackson M. Hoyt,	2 40	
Joseph Mott,	7 58	
N. P. Coleman,	11 00	
		$108 38

*Deceased. Winter account, 36
James H. Knox appointed.

Report of Trustees of Cemetery.

RECEIVED.

From selectmen, interest on DeMerritt fund,	$6 00
Portsmouth savings bank, interest on DeMerritt fund,	80
Portsmouth savings bank, interest on Caldwell fund,	3 79
Withdrawn from savings bank on DeMerritt fund for care of lot,	2 00
Withdrawn from savings bank on Caldwell fund for care of lot,	2 00
	$14 59

PAID.

Care of Caldwell and DeMerritt lots,	$4 00

DEMANDS IN FAVOR OF CEMETERY.

DeMerrittt fund left to town,	$200 00
Interest on DeMerritt fund in bank,	31 60
Caldwell fund with interest in bank,	127 59
	$359 19

JAMES W. COLEMAN,
FREDERICK PICKERING,
BENJAMIN S. HOYT,
Trustees of Cemetery.

Insurance on Town's Property.

The policy on the public library and books expires March 15, 1911.

The policy on the old parsonage house, barn and road machine, expires January 1, 1910.

The policies on the town hall, schoolhouse and meeting house, expire January 1, 1911.

Dog Account, 1908-09.

Number of dogs licensed, 35.		
7 females, at $5,	$35 00	
3 spayed females, at $2.00,	6 00	
25 males at $2.00,	50 00	
		$91 00
Clerk's fees, 20 cents each,	$7 00	
Charge of clerk for 1 1-2 days' time collecting from delinquents,	2 00	
		$9 00
		$82 00

BILLS PAID.

Charles W. Coleman, loss of 1 cock,	$1 00	
John E. Downing, loss of hen and chicken,	2 00	
		$3 00
Amount of dog money on hand,		$79 00

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

See selectmen's orders.

Report of Superintendent of Burying Ground.

NEWINGTON, N. H., Feb. 15, 1909.

During the past year I have disposed of burial lots to the following named persons :

Aug. 15, 1908, Herbert E. Hodgdon, Newington, 1 lot,	$1 00
Aug. 18, 1908, Samuel Scott, Newington, 1 lot,	1 00
Received of E. G. Williams, tomb rent,	4 00

ENOCH COLEMAN,
Superintendent.

To the Citizens of Newington.

The assessors learned after the taxes were made and committed to the collector, that Mrs. Olive Bean had a six thousand dollar mortgage left unrecorded, with the evident purpose of evading the taxes on same. We took counsel, and learned that we could collect the 1908 taxes, but not for several years prior to that. We then took the matter up with the estate of Mrs. Bean, and have the promise of representatives of the estate to settle, but they could not do so in time for this report.

We desire to call the attention of our successors to the above, and would suggest that it might be well to search the county records for similar cases.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE M. DE ROCHEMONT,
ENOCH COLEMAN,
IRA A. COLEMAN,
Assessors of Newington.

School Report.

We herewith submit the annual report of the Newington School Board for the year ending July 15, 1908.

The schools have been under the charge of the same teachers throughout the whole year, Miss Sara B. Luscombe having charge of the grammar room and Miss Gertrude E. Bean having charge of the primary room, both being experienced teachers, having had Normal school training. Miss Lucy M. Hoyt was teacher of music during the year.

The number of scholars enrolled was not quite so large as last year, but the attendance was two per cent. greater.

A class of three have passed the examinations for the Portsmouth high school.

Subject to a call of the secretary of the supervisory district formed last year, the school boards of North Hampton, Rye, Greenland and Newington, met at the home of the secretary, Miss Lillian Odell, in Greenland, in July, 1908, to appoint a superintendent for the coming year. The Rye school board voted to withdraw from the district. At a subsequent meeting, the towns of North Hampton, Greenland and Newington, formed a supervisory district, and appointed Mr. O. H. Adams, of Lester, Mass., as superintendent; later, the town of Durham joined the district.

The superintendent's salary is apportioned as follows:

North Hampton,	$200;	state,	$200
Greenland,	125;	state,	125
Newington,	100;	state,	100
Durham,	150;	state,	150

Each town to receive superintendent's services according

to amount of salary paid; Newington being entitled to four-twenty-thirds of his services.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NEWINGTON SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending July 15, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

1907.			
July 15,	Cash on hand,	$86 50	
	School money required by law, 1907,	870 00	
	Dog tax and literary fund, 1907,	123 28	
	From Ex-Treasurer Mrs. Annie E. Pickering,	40	
	From state on account of superintendent,	100 00	
			$1,180 18

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Bean, teaching 27 weeks,	$270 00	
Miss Luscombe, teaching 27 weeks,	270 00	
A. W. Small, 7 months' salary,	140 00	
Lucy Hoyt, teaching music 27 weeks,	28 00	
Janitor, 27 weeks,	27 00	
Mrs. Tetherly, cleaning schoolhouse,	4 00	
Miss Frink, telephoning,	65	
Hoyt & Dow, supplies,	7 73	
J. S. Hammett,	9 90	
Rider & Cotton, oil and brush,	1 70	
J. M. Hoyt, labor,	6 00	
Margeson Bros., chairs,	6 00	
		$770 98

Cash on hand April 10, 1908,		$409 20
Miss Luscombe, teaching spring term,	$110 00	
Miss Bean, teaching spring term,	110 00	
Mr. Small, superintendent, 3 months' salary,	60 00	
Janitor, 11 weeks,	11 00	
Lucy Hoyt, teaching music 11 weeks,	12 00	
Express,	1 05	
Brooms, pails, duster, towels, etc.,	2 42	
		$306 47
Cash on hand July 15, 1908,		$102 73

FREDERICK PICKERING,
CHARLES E. COMBS,
ROSAMOND PACKARD,
School Board.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Newington School Board, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

BENJAMIN S. HOYT, *Auditor.*

SCHOOL STATISTICS

From July 15, 1907, to July 15, 1908.

Whole number of pupils registered,		51
Boys,	28	
Girls,	23	
Average membership,		49.1
Average attendance,		42.6
Per cent. of attendance,		86.7
Number of pupils having perfect attendance,		6
Teachers' salary per month,		$40 00
Total available money,		$1,180 18

Average expense per pupil,	$21 10
Number of school weeks,	38
Scholars in grammar grades,	25
Scholars in primary grades,	26
Number of visits of the school board,	28
Number of visits of the superintendent,	58
Number of visits of citizens,	110

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Board of Newington:—

I herewith submit my first annual report of the schools of Newington.

When I began my work of supervision, I found it so well organized and so ably administered by my predecessor and the present corps of teachers, that my work has been comparatively easy. The schools are fairly well graded and doing creditable work.

More convenient and more modern schoolrooms would be a delight to those personally interested, but it is true that present members are fairly well accommodated. The primary room is too small for its needs. An improvement that could be made at little expense would be to extend the lower story of the building to the rear fifteen feet and put this extra space into the primary room. The town would then have two good schoolrooms, of suitable size, well lighted, that might be sufficient for all needs for many years. Other and more expensive changes than that, just suggested, could be made, but they do not seem feasible.

My predecessor wrote strongly in the report for last year of the weakness in the reading and the need of more material for all grades. The weakness still continues and the need of more material for upper classes is a great one, but I am confident that a beginning has been made towards remedying these weaknesses. A change, to be permanently effective, must begin before wrong habits have been formed. It is evident that good methods of reading must be taught in grade one if grades two to eight are to make good readers, and that the work in all grades must be harmonious. When wrong

habits are formed it is most difficult to overcome them and the average teacher never does in her pupils; therefore, the necessity of teaching correct methods at the beginning of the school course. The successful teacher must know child nature, its needs and how to meet them, otherwise her work is experimental at the expense of the child. Most of the failures in scholarship in all grades are due to the influence of uneducated, inexperienced teachers, who experimented, possibly to their own advantage but most surely to the disadvantage of the children under their charge. The most successful teachers of to-day are those who study carefully and scientifically child life in the broadest way: therefore, teachers should not only be expected but should be urged to become acquainted with the latest studies in child life through reputable teachers' papers and the most recent books.

Advanced methods of teaching primary reading, which have proved most successful elsewhere, have been introduced into grade one and are being faithfully taught. Better results are already apparent. Your superintendent believes that the beginning of better reading in the Newington schools and the better work that must follow in all other work in later grades is already in sight.

The privilege of admitting eighth grade pupils to the Portsmouth high school on certificate of the superintendent is continued. The privilege is granted by the Portsmouth school authorities with the consent of the state superintendent and will be taken away when pupils are not up to grade, or fail to do satisfactory work in the high school.

I recommend an appropriation of $2.00 per pupil, each year, for books and supplies. This amount is small compared with the average cost per pupil when everything was furnished by the parents, but with careful and economical expenditure, it will soon furnish the schools with all needed supplies. It is poor business policy to employ skilled teachers and not furnish them with the best of tools for their work.

The hearty co-operation of pupils, teachers, school board

and parents, in Newington is most commendable. My reception as supervisor of the work is very gratifying. This splendid spirit must add to the efficiency of all school work.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. ADAMS,

Superintendent of Schools.

Newington, N. H., Feb. 10, 1909.

Langdon Public Library.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Newington:

Your trustees submit the following report in relation to the funds, receipts and disbursements of the Library.

We feel that this year has tested the good working basis on which the Library was placed in the beginning, for the trustees have been so situated that they were unable to perfect plans to which they had looked forward at the commencement of the year.

In the passing of Mr. Drew, an ex-trustee, the Library and the town at large lose a valued friend and helper.

Mr. Langdon, the library's abiding friend, has added gifts—among them a steel lock-stack, and in the early spring Mrs. Langdon sent a generous supply of new books, allowing us the privilege of selecting them.

The $1,000 railroad bond given by Mr. Langdon in 1903 matured July 1, 1908, and has been invested in Portsmouth city four per cent. bonds.

Among the plans for the Library is a card catalogue, the preparation of which is now in progress. The cabinet is the gift of the late Mrs. Mary E. C. Frink.

New outside doors, which have been needed, this year became a necessity, and the old ones have been replaced by the best doors we could procure.

During the year, as previously, the work has been steadily directed, as effectively as possible, by the Librarian, whose aim is the instruction and recreation of the people.

For all gifts and helps from our friends and fellow-townsmen, and to neighboring librarians for fraternal assistance, we make a grateful acknowledgment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1907,	$40 42	
Interest on railroad bond,	70 00	
Interest on Langdon fund,	60 00	
Required state tax,	15 00	
Town appropriation,	50 00	
Fines collected,	1 38	
Total,		$236 70

EXPENDITURES.

Librarian's services,	$75 00	
Subscription agency,	17 90	
Subscription,	1 00	
Books purchased,	17 64	
Binding and rebinding,	10 55	
1000 registering cards,	4 50	
550 book pockets,	4 25	
100 large envelopes,	80	
Paid extra on bond,	17 83	
Cards for catalogue,	11 25	
Box rent,	3 00	
Freight, express and stamps,	2 10	
Outside doors and labor,	20 50	
F. P. Pierce, stock and labor on doors and ceiling,	13 85	
Step ladder,	75	
Library supplies,	6 07	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1908,	29 71	
Total,		$236 70

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE HOYT,
LAURA E. DREW,

Board of Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I submit herewith the seventeenth annual report of the Langdon Public Library, reviewing the work of the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

There have been no radical changes in the work during the year and I have few suggestions to offer.

In reviewing the work, one cannot fail to be impressed with the kindly interest manifested by all our citizens.

There is constantly an increase in the demand for books, and good books, perhaps more noticeable among our younger readers.

To Mr. and Mrs. Langdon, the former of whom presented us with a needed book-case, also a picture, and the latter of whom has so generously donated books, to Dr. Prescott, who has sent numerous magazines, and to Mrs. C. H. Coleman, who has been a great helper in the nature studies, and who has loaned so many fine specimens, we are especially indebted.

I extend the annual invitation to all to make free use of our excellent reference library.

GIFTS.

Mrs. Langdon,	98 Volumes
Mr. Langdon,	Book-Case
Mr. Langdon,	Picture
Miss Gertrude Lear,	1 Volume
F. W. de Rochemont, Farm Journal,	1 Year
Mrs. B. S. Hoyt, Success Magazine,	1 Year
Miss Florence Hoyt, Scribner's Magazine,	1 Year
Miss Florence Hoyt, Good Housekeeping,	1 Year
Miss Drew, Munsey's Magazine,	1 Year
Reapers' Circle, Ladies' Home Journal,	1 Year
Shakespeare Club, Outing Magazine,	1 Year
Piscataqua Grange, New England Magazine,	1 Year
Mrs. C. H. Coleman, Magazines.	
Dr. B. T. Prescott, Magazines.	

Report, City of Laconia.
Report, City of Dover.
Report, Town of Newmarket.
Report, Town of Eliot.
Report, Town of Stratham.
Laconia Library Report.
Dover Library Report and Bulletins.
New Hampshire College, Bulletin and Monthly.
Sam Walter Foss, Library Bulletins.
Report, Smithsonian Institution.
Report, Interstate Commerce Commission.
Report, Library of Congress.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Borrowers registered to date,	573
Visitors registered to date (102 during the year,)	1,119
Total attendance for year,	1,909
Average daily attendance,	36
Total circulation for year,	3,583
Average daily circulation,	68
Number of afternoons open for circulation,	52
Number of evenings open for circulation,	51
Number of books issued during year,	1,185
Number of periodicals issued during year,	1,398
Largest monthly issue, August.	
Smallest monthly issue, December.	

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

American History,	96
American Biography,	40
Foreign History,	49
Foreign Biography,	35
Travels,	108
Arts and Sciences,	103
Drama and Poetry,	41
Literature,	37

Religion,	12
Reference,	9
Bound Periodicals,	71
Fiction,	1,585

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE LOUISE BEANE,

Librarian.

Supplement to Catalogue.

JANUARY, 1908.

Periodicals Regularly Supplied to the Reading Table.

Harper's Monthly, Harper's Weekly, New England, Munsey, Everybody's, Travel, Garden, Scribner's, World's Work, Success, Granite State Monthly, Good Housekeeping, Modern Priscilla, Outing, St. Nicholas, Little Folks, The Delineator, Granite State Outlook, Public Library, The Outlook, The Crusader Monthly, Ladies' Home Journal, Youth's Companion, Federation, Bulletin.

AMERICAN HISTORY.

Hart, A. B. Essentials in American History,	40.167
Johnson, C. The Farmer Boy,	40.168
Pryor, Mrs. R. The Birth of the Nation,	40.169
Schultz, J. W. My Life as a Indian,	40.170

AMERICAN BIOGRAPHICAL.

Barton, Clara. The Story of My Chilhood,	60.138
Letters of Dolly Madison,	60.140
Stevenson, R. L. Letters of Robert L. Stevenson,	60.141
Letters of Robert L. Stevenson,	60.142
Wister, Owen. Seven Ages of Washington,	60.139

FOREIGN HISTORY.

Harding, S. B. Essentials in Modern History,	30.207
Tadayoshi, S. Human Bullets,	30.209
Walker, A. P. Essentials in English History,	30.208
Wolfson, A. M. Essentials in Ancient History,	30.206

FOREIGN BIOGRAPHY.

Gissing, G. Chas. Dickens.	70.197

TRAVEL.

Bates, K. L. Spanish Highways and Byways,	20.249
Bates, K. L. From Gretna Green to Land's End,	20.250
Carpenter, F. Africa,	20.248

Downs, W. H. Spanish Ways and Byways, 20.255
Hyrst, H. W. G. Adventures of the Great Deserts, 20.251
James, G. W. The Wonders of the Colorado Desert, 20.252
James, G. W. The Wonders of the Colorado Desert, 20.253
Singleton, E. Historic Landmarks of America, 20.254

SCIENCE.

Burrough, J. Camping and Tramping with Roosevelt, 50.330
Duman, R. K. The Chemistry of Commerce, 50.331
Fletcher, S. W. Soils, 50.332
Green, Olive. One Thousand Simple Soups, 50.333
Griggs, E. H. Moral Education, 50.334
Harper's Outdoor Book for Boys, 50.335
Hiscox, G. D. Gas, Gasoline and Oil Engines, 50.336
Iles, G. Inventors at Work, 50.337
Johnson, C. The Country School, 50.338
Kern, O. G. Among Country Schools, 50.339
Martin, M. E. The Friendly Stars, 50.340
Mathews, F. S. Field Book of American Wild Flowers, 50.341
Maneffes, M. Child Stories from the Masters, 50.342
Morley, M. W. Grasshoppers' Land, 50.343
Morse, E. S. Mars, 50.344
Pratt, M. L. Greek Myths, 50.345
Pratt, M. L. Greek Myths, 50.346
Pratt, M. L. Greek Myths, 50.347
Rollins, F. W. What Can a Young Man Do? 50.348
Starr, L. Hygiene of the Nursery, 50.349
Strong J. The Challenge of the City, 50.350
Thompson, J. Water Wonders, 50.351
Whates, H. R. Canada, New Nation, 50.352

FICTION.

Atherton, G. Ancestors, 11 A 2
Bacon, J. D. Ten to Seventeen, 16 D 3
Barbour, R. The Spirit of the School, 32 B 1
Barbour, R. Tom, Dick and Harriet, 32 B 2
Brainaid, E. H. Bettina, 33 B 1
Brook, Noah. Tales of the Maine coast, 22 B 1
Brown, H. D. Mr. Tuckerman's Nieces, 34 B 1
Burleigh, C. The Camp on Letter K, 35 B 1
Clemens, S. Huckleberry Finn, 9 C 8
Chever, H. A. Ted's Little Dear, 32 C 1
Connolly, J. B. The Crested Seas, 29 C 3

Deland, M. The Encore, 17 D 3
Deland, E. D. The Friendship of Anne, 25 D 1
Dudley, A. T. The Great Year, 24 D 5
Glasgow, E. The Ancient Law, 10 G 3
Hall, E. C. Aunt Jane of Kentucky, 30 H 1
Harker, L. A. Concerning Paul and Fiammetta, 27 H 2
Rice, A. H. Capt. June, 17 H 3
Hopkins, W. J. The Clammer, 31 H 1
Houston, E. J. The Boy Electrician, 29 H 2
Johnston, A. F. The Little Colonel, 7 J 1 B
Johnston, A. F. The Little Colonel Stories, 7 J 2
Kingsley, F. M. The Princess and the Ploughman, 8 K 2
Kenton, Edna. Clem, 11 K 1
Kipling, R. The Brushwood Boy, 4 K 8
Lincoln, J. C. Old Home House, 14 L 4
Lothrop, M. Five Little Peppers in the Little Brown House, 8 L 12
Mabie, H. W. Famous Stories Every Child Should Know, 28 M 1
Malone, P. M. A West Point Yearling, 29 M 1
Martin, G. M. Abbie Annie, 23 M 3
Marshall, A. Exton Manor, 30 M 1
Mason, A. E. W. The Broken Road, 24 M 4
McCutcheon, G. The Daughter of Anderson Crow, 27 M 4
Miller, O. T. Harry's Runaways, 31 M 1
Oppenhem, P. A Lost Leader, 3 O 3
Otis, J. Our Uncle the Major, 4 O 2
Oxenham, J. A Man of Sark, 5 O 1
Paine, A. B. From Van Dweller to Commuter, 15 P 2
Poulsson, E. Father and Baby Plays, 10 P 3
Ray, A. C. Day, 10 R 9
Ray, A. C. Ackroyd of the Faculty, 10 R 10
Reed, H. L. Brenda, Her School and Club, 16 R 1
Reed, H. L. Brenda's Summer at Rocklay, 16 R 2
Reed, H. L. Brenda's Cousin at Radcliff, 16 R 3
Reed, H. L. Brenda's Bargain, 16 R 4
Reed, H. L. Amy in Acadia, 16 R 5
Reed, H. L. Brenda's Ward, 16 R 6
Richard, L. E. The Silver Crown, 7 R 17
Robins, E. Under the Southern Cross, 17 R 7
Smith, F. H. The Romance of an Old-Fashioned Gentleman 18 S 4
Smith, A. P. Montlivet, 29 S 2
Stuart, R. M. The Woman's Exchange, 20 S 3
Thanet, O. The Man of the Hour, 18 T 1
Tompkins, J. Dr. Ellen, 19 T 1

Tomlinson, E. The Young Ranger, 10 T 6
Tomlinson, E. The Fort in the Forest, 10 T 7
Ward, E. S. Walled In, 14 W 6
Wells, C. Patty in Paris, 34 W 5
Wells, C. Patty's Summer Days, 34 W 4
Wiggens, K. D. The Old Peabody Pew, 2 W 13
White, S. E. Arizona Nights, 25 W 6
Wright, M. O. Grey Lady and the Birds, 13 W 4
Wright, M. O. The Garden of a Commuter's Wife, 13 W 5
Wright, M. O. People of the Whirlpool, 13 W 6
Warde, M. Betty Wales, Senior, 35 W 4

POETRY.

Coolidge, S. Last Verses, 80.114
Foss, S. W. Songs of the Average Man, 80.115
McCauley. Poetical Works, 80.116
Raymond, G. Ballads, 80.117
Raymond, G. A Life in Song, 80.118
Raymond, G. The Aztec God, 80.119

RELIGION.

Dunning, A. E. Congregationalists in America, 100.37

LITERATURE.

Benson, A. C. From a College Window, 90.171
Chenoweth, C. V. Stories of the Saints, 90.172
Lucas, E. V. The Open Road, 90.173
Van Dyke, H. The Friendly Year, 90.174

REFERENCE.

Howison, G. Soule's Dictionary of English Synonyms, 10.119
Report, Library of Congress, 10.120

BOUND PERIODICALS.

Century Magazine, Vol. 51, 0.1173
Century Magazine, Vol. 52, 0.1174
Harper's Magazine, Vol. 114, 0.114
Harper's Magazine, Vol. 115, 0.115
Little Folks' Magazine, Vol. 9, 0.709
New England Magazine, Vol. 35, 0.1235
New England Magazine, Vol. 36, 0.1236
St. Nicholas Magazine, Vol. 34, Part I, 0.621

St. Nicholas Magazine, Vol. 34, Part II, 0.622
World's Work Magazine, Vol. 13, 0.1313
World's Work Magazine, Vol. 14, 0.1314

REPORTS.

Report, Smithsonian Institution, 1906.
Report, Smithsonian Institution, 1906.
Twenty-Fifth Report, Commerce Commission.
New Hampshire Report, 1907.
New Hampshire Report, 1907.
State Papers.

Vital Statistics of the Town of Newington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1908

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Condition	Number	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color Par'ts	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age Father*	Age Mother*
February 16	Daniel Wesley	M	L	10	w	Daniel W. Badger	Edith Whidden	w	Newington	Farmer	Portsmouth	Newington	42	41
May 9	Willis Ball	M	L	2	w	William L. Furber	Virginia R. Davis	w	Newington	Farmer	Newington	Bristol, Me.	46	41
May 25	Amelia Julia	F	L	4	w	Albert H. Garland	Amelia B. deRochemont	w	Newington	Butcher	Portsmouth	Newington	40	38
September 1	Ralph Emerson	M	L	4	w	Charles D. Pace	Barbara Paris	w	Newington	Farmer	London, Eng.	London, Eng.	38	33

*At last birthday

MARRIAGES

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marr'ge	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
March 14	Newington	George E. Pace	Newington	64	w	Farmer	St. John, N. B.	George E. Pace Sarah Balgay		Farmer Housewife	2	Frank E. Rand, Clergyman Newington
		Emma (Hood) Paris	So. Hampton, Eng.	45	w	Nurse	So. Hampton, Eng.	William E. Hood Jane Helps		Farmer Housewife	2	
March 30	Newington	Lewis A. Harrison	Newington	26	w	Farmer	Meccan, N. S.	Hanson Harrison Elizabeth McCallin	Meccan, N. S. Riber Philip, N. S.	Farmer Housewife	1	Lucius H. Thayer, Clergyman Portsmouth
		Margarette N. Beane	Newington	23	w	Book-keeper	Newington	Henry Beane Margaret S. Newhall	Milton, Mass. Washington, Me.	Farmer Housewife	1	
October 21	Newington	Edwin J. Rand	Rye	24	w	Farmer	Rye	Henry S. Rand Mary O. Trefethen	Rye Portsmouth	Mason Housewife	1	Alfred Gooding, Clergyman Portsmouth
		Beth L. Hoyt	Newington	22	w	Lady	Newington	Thomas B. Hoyt Josep'ne M. Trefethen	Newington Newington	Farmer Housewife	1	

DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Years	Age Months	Age Days	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Si Mar Wi	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death	Occupation of Father
January 2	Newington	George A. Carkin	32	4	22	Portsmouth	M	w	D		Portsmouth	Epping	George O. Carkin	Grace E. Hodgdon	Pistol shot	Painter
April 7	Newington	Mary E. Frink	82	3	27	Newington	F	w	w	Housewife	Newington	Stratham	James Coleman	Nancy Piper	Valvular disease heart	Farmer
June 1	Portsmouth	Gee Pickering	90		2	Newington	M	w	M	Carpenter	Newington	Portsmouth	Thomas Pickering	Lydia Lowe	Old age	Farmer
June 22	Newington	Willis B. Furber		1	14	Newington	M	w			Newington	Bristol, Me.	William L. Furber	Virginia R. Davis	Malnutrition	Farmer
July 1	Newington	Olive M. Bean	77	6	20	Newington	F	w	w	Housewife	Newington	Durham	Timothy Dame	Sally Ricker	Tuberculosis	Civil Engineer
July 7	Portsmouth	George W. Wilson	53				M	w	M	Laborer		Kittery, Me.	Albion Wilson	Maria Dennett	Cancer of bladder	
August 23	Newington	Nathaniel P. Coleman	31	7	5	Newington	M	w	S	Farmer	Newington	Portsmouth	Valentine M. Coleman	Corinne Hoyt	Gun shot	Farmer
August 25	Newington	Daniel W. Badger, Jr.		6	9	Newington	M	w			Portsmouth	Newington	Daniel W. Badger	Edith Whidden	Cholera infantum	Farmer
October 4	Newington	Hannah P. Newton	92	1	2	Newington	F	w	w	Nurse	Newington	Stratham	James Coleman	Nancy Piper	Bronchitis	Farmer
October 11	Newington	James Drew	60				M	w	M	Station Agent					Carcinoma of liver	

There are two errors in last year's report—The surnames of the parents of Mrs. Ruth H. Googins should be Benson and Bowe, instead of "Bewley" and "Rowe."

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

JACKSON M. HOYT, *Town Clerk.*